

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1142 - SB 1886

March 29, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands Class E felony offense of unlawful possession of a handgun by a person convicted of violent felony or drug offense to include possession of any firearm.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$26,400 / Incarceration*

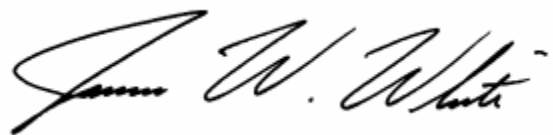
Assumptions:

- In FY06, there were 74 admissions to the Department of Correction (DOC) for the Class E felony of possession of a handgun. DOC estimates a five percent (4) increase in convictions when all firearms are included.
- Four additional persons will be convicted of a Class E felony of possession of a weapon and will serve 0.3 years. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,592.33 (\$60.16 x 109.58 days). The total additional cost for four offenders is \$26,369.32 (\$6,592.33 x 4).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director